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**On The Danger of Sleeping on a Mailcoach**  
 Friday night last an accident occurred to a named David McNeill, which might have attended with more serious consequences than actually transpired. It is that McNeill was travelling on the night mentioned, by the mailcoach, and was at the time of the accident fast asleep, had travelled through from Sydney, and no doubt was very much fatigued and exhausted. About one o'clock, when a six miles from the terminus, the mailcoach, which was also on the coach, screamed lustily; and the passengers, on looking round to discover the cause of the alarm, ascertained that McNeill was missing. The mailcoach was then stopped, and the missing passenger was found some twenty-five or thirty miles from the terminus, lying on the road in an almost unconscious state. On examination it was discovered that he had sustained a fracture of the leg, and that the top of his left ear was torn away. Neither the driver nor the passengers could tell how the accident was caused, and the only inference to be drawn is, that, if he had not been sleeping, he must have been jolted out of the coach.











